

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

Ashley Arias and
Carlos Gomez-Montes,

Defendants.

Protective Order

22 Cr. 443 (JPO)

Upon the application of the United States of America, with the consent of the undersigned counsel, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

Confidential Material. The Government will make disclosure to the defendants of documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, 18 U.S.C. §3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal case. Certain of that discovery may include material that (i) affects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals; (ii) would impede, if prematurely disclosed, the Government’s ongoing investigation of uncharged individuals; (iii) would risk prejudicial pretrial publicity if publicly disseminated; and (iv) is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case. Discovery materials produced by the Government to the defendants or their counsel that are either (1) designated in whole or in part as “Confidential” by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that include a Bates or other label stating “Confidential,” shall be deemed “Confidential Material.”

Attorney’s Eyes Only (“AEO”) Material. Certain discovery materials in this case may be relevant to an ongoing non-public investigation. Discovery materials produced by the

Government to the defendants or their counsel that are either (1) designated in whole or in part as “AEO” by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that include a Bates or other label stating “AEO,” shall be deemed “AEO Material.” Any material designated as AEO Material shall also be deemed Confidential Material.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Confidential Material shall not be disclosed by the defendants or defense counsel, including any successor counsel (“the defense”) other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any Confidential Material on any Internet site or network site to which persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any Confidential Material to the media or any third party except as set forth below.

2. Confidential Material may be disclosed by counsel to:

(a) Personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action;

(b) Prospective witnesses for purposes of defending this action;

(c) The defendant;

(d) Such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by the Court.

3. Except for Confidential Material that has been made part of the record of this case, the defense shall return to the Government or securely destroy or delete all Confidential Material, including the seized ESI Confidential Material, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any

order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; or the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case, whichever date is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the defense shall not be required to return or destroy any Confidential Material to the extent such return or destruction would conflict with any applicable professional or ethical obligation or responsibility of the defense.

4. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed Confidential Material. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what Confidential Material has been disclosed to which such persons.

5. The defense shall receive any AEO Material on an attorney's eyes only basis, and the defense shall not share any AEO Material or the content of the AEO Material with any other persons, including the defendants, except for any paralegal or staff employed by defense counsel.

6. The Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of Confidential Material or AEO Material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

7. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any Confidential Material or AEO Material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1.

8. In the event of any dispute as to the Government's designation of particular Disclosure Material as Confidential Information or Attorneys Eyes Only, the parties shall meet and confer, without prejudice to a subsequent application by defense counsel seeking de-designation of such material by the Court. If the defense moves the Court for de-designation of disputed material, the

Government shall respond within seven days of the defense filing, absent further Order of this Court. The Government shall bear the burden of establishing good cause for its Confidential Information or Attorneys Eyes Only designation of the disputed materials. Absent a contrary order of this Court, the Government's designation of Disclosure Material as Confidential Information or Attorneys Eyes Only shall be controlling

9. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of ESI that originally belonged to the defendant.

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Retention of Jurisdiction

10. The provisions of this order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney

by: /s/ Kevin Mead
Kevin Mead
Assistant United States Attorney

Date: August 19, 2022

Jonathan Marvinny
Jonathan Andrew Marvinny
Counsel for Ashley Arias

Date: _____

Luis O. Diaz
Luis O. Diaz
Counsel for Carlos Gomez-Montes

Date: _____

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
August 23, 2022

J. Paul Oetken
J. PAUL OETKEN
United States District Judge